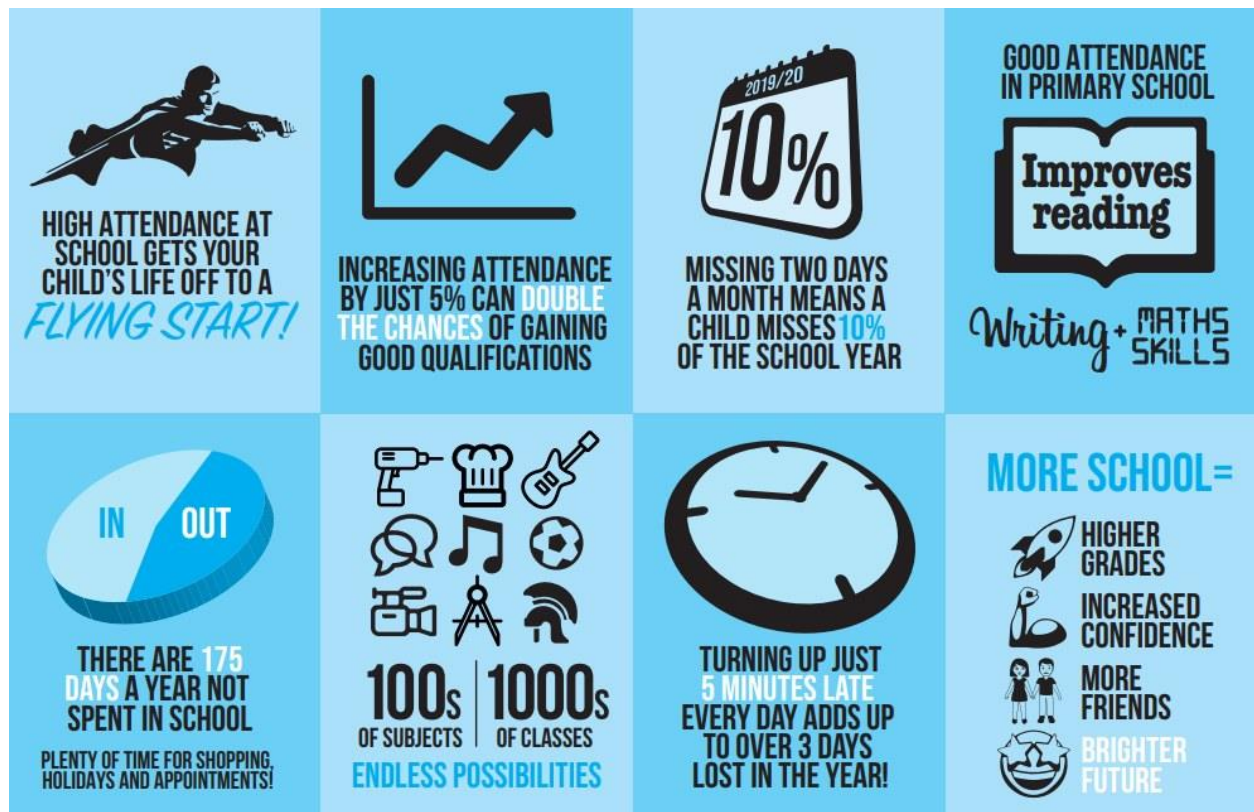




## Newsletter for 13th September 2024

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!



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*Our best attending classes this week are:*

*1st Place – Ruby 97.5%*

*2nd Place –Emerald 97.3%*

*3rd Place – Indigo & Magenta 96.7%*

*Well done to those classes! Thank you so much parents and carers for making sure your child attends school every day!*

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**"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.





## Headteacher's Message



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*Dear Families,*

*Next week, parent and carer fitness classes will start in the school hall at 9:00 am. Come along and join in with Couch to Fitness exercises with our school coach Josh! Josh is teaching PE to all of the children at Manor Park this year and I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming him to the community. If you would rather get fit at home you can find the free programme via the link <https://couchtofitness.com/>.*

*Please can I remind all parents and carers who collect their child from EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 that they must not stand inside the yellow box which is painted on the KS1 playground surface. This needs to be left clear so that staff can safely dismiss the children at hometime. Similarly, on the KS2 upper playground, please can I remind parents to wait behind the white line.*

*Over the Autumn term, we will be working in collaboration with one of our other schools in REAch2. I will be sharing my time between both schools during the week, usually Wednesdays*

*and Thursdays, until the end of December. On those days, Becky Lewis will be Head of School should you need to contact either of us.*

*Our popular 'Coffee and Chat' sessions for parents and carers will be starting this half term so please look out for details coming out over the next few weeks. Last year, I really enjoyed meeting parents and carers at the sessions, and hearing their views about what makes our school great and what can make it even better. Lots of their ideas came to life through our after school club offer, Community Fairs, and extended trips and visits programme! We will be offering British Adult Education Service classes on the school site again so Saima Asif from BAES will be joining us at a session to explain more about how to join.*

*If you shop at Asda, you can donate money to the school every time you use the Asda Rewards app. Simply opt into the CashPot option and select the name of the school to start donating. This runs until the 30th November.*

*Have a wonderful weekend!*

*Kind regards*

*Christine Chapman*

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## **School Term Dates for Next Year - 2024/25**

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*Please see the calendar below showing all of the school term dates, bank holidays and teacher training days for the next academic year.*

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## Manor Park Calendar 2024/25

August 2024						
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31				1	2	3 4
32	5	6	7	8	9	10 11
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November 2024						
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July 2025						
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### Bank holidays 2024/25

26 August '24	August Bank Holiday	26 December '24	Boxing Day	18 April '25	Good Friday	5 May '25	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '24	Christmas Day	1 January '25	New Year's Day	21 April '25	Easter Monday	26 May '25	Spring Bank Holiday

### Teacher Training Days

2 September 2024	3 September 2024	29 November 2024	31 March 2025	21 July 2025
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## Star of the Week



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*The value of the week is 'Kindness.' Here are Manor Park's Stars of the Week*

*Nursery Kalli*

*Indigo Yusuf*

*Copper Osman*

*Gold Alesha*

*Aqua Ayesha*

*Turquoise Aleema*

*Crimson Kaleb*

*Cerise Aasiyah*

*Bronze Hawwa*

*Ochre Cezar*

*Topaz Layla*

*Ruby Zahara*

*Teal- Farhan*

*Emerald - Sibtain*

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## School Policies

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*Please find our school policies on our website by clicking here:*

*<https://www.manorparkacademy.co.uk/about-us/policies/>*

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## Have you moved house or changed your number?

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*Please let the main office know if any of your details change such as:*

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- *Your address*
- *Your phone numbers*



- *Your emergency contacts*

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*Just call 0121 3271023 or email [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org)*

*Thank you!*

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**Apply for our Nursery or Reception Classes!**



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*Do you have a child or know another parent with a child born between 01.09.2020 - 31.08.2021? We have spaces available in our lovely Nursery!*

*If you also have or know a parent with a child born between 01.09.19 - 31.08.20, we have spaces in our amazing Reception classes too!*

*Please contact the school office for a tour and a chat with our friendly team. You can also see more information here on our website: [Early Years – Manor Park Primary Academy](http://Early Years – Manor Park Primary Academy) ([manorparkacademy.co.uk](http://manorparkacademy.co.uk))*

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## **Dates for your Diary**



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***Parents Evening Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October 3.50pm***

***Parent Fitness Sessions Mondays in the main hall 9.00am***

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## Attendance Procedures



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*Please call 0121 327 1023 to report your child's absence by 9.30am*

*If you need support with your child's attendance, please contact Jo Green via email at [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org) or call the school office.*

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# — AND — THE WINNERS *are...*

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*House Points are now collected using Marvellous Me. **You can see you child's individual house points by clicking on the 'thumbs up' button.** However many 'thumbs up' they've had, this is the number of house points they have received in school!*

## ***House points this week***

*1st Place Edwards*

*2nd Place Aston*

*3rd Place Berners Lee*

*4th Place Lightwood*

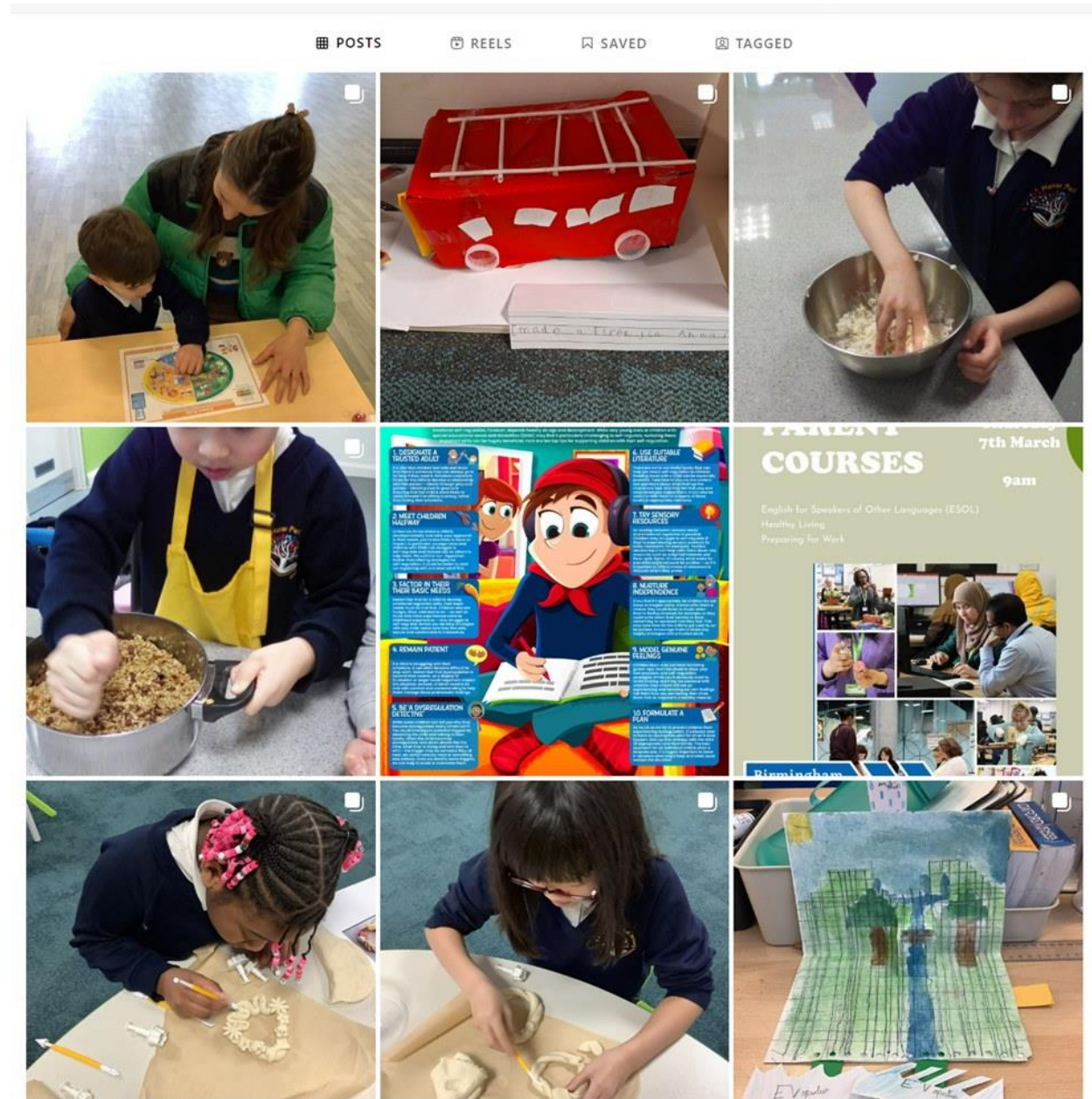
***Well done Edwards!***

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*Give us a follow on Instagram!*

<https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>



## Autism Support



# FREE LUNCH & WELLBEING WALK



Meet at Hay Hall Manor House,  
Redfern Road, Tyseley, B11 2BE

All are welcome to come and  
enjoy some food, some light  
exercise, the outdoors and have a  
chat

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL SO WE CAN  
LET YOU KNOW IF CANCELLED  
FOR ANY REASON.**

Please come join us on our  
wellbeing walks

- Tuesday 10th September 2024
- Tuesday 8th October 2024
- Tuesday 12th November 2024
- Tuesday 10th December 2024

Lunch @ 12:30pm  
followed by  
1 hour canal walk @ 1:30pm

For further information and  
to book on the walk please scan the QR  
Code  
or  
[CLICK HERE](#)



Contact Kelly Email: [kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk) Call: 07794230243

Please do sign up to the The Active Wellbeing Society card, which also allows  
you to attend some free and cost-effective events in Birmingham:  
<https://theaws.co.uk/join-us/wellbeing-card/>

[www.resourcesforautism.org.uk](http://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk) Charity number 1061253

Parent / Carer

# Autism & Good Sleep Workshop



Tuesday 17th September 2024

10:30am - 12:30am

@ BAYC, 581 Pershore Road, Birmingham, B29 7EL



To book onto the workshop please  
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code above

The Autism & Good Sleep Workshop

This workshop is aimed at parents/carers of children and young people to sleep educate and offer some ideas and strategies to try to help improve sleep at home

Run by Kelly Reed  
Resources for Autism  
Behaviour Manager West Midlands

Limited onsite parking, but free road parking  
and 45 & 47 Bus stops nearby

for further information please email  
[kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk](mailto:kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk)  
Kelly Bumpas  
Family Support Coordinator



## Safeguarding and Wellbeing Update - 10 Tips for Managing Conflict





# SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO MANAGE CONFLICT EFFECTIVELY

Disagreement is a natural part of human interaction. This can seem particularly true when dealing with the sensitive issues that arise for secondary-aged pupils. This guide brings you 10 top tips which can help prevent conflicts arising or mitigate their impacts when they do.

## 1 INSPIRE RESPONSIBILITY

The best approaches to conflict resolution are restorative. This means that rather than adults imposing their own solutions on children who have had a disagreement, they should work with them. Allowing them to handle it can feel empowering to young people and will hopefully teach them to manage their own disputes as they move towards adult life.

## 2 ACTIVELY LISTEN

Remember to give every child the opportunity to voice their opinion, regardless of their age, stage of development, special educational needs, or other individual requirements. This can be done using a variety of different communication methods. For example, some children find it easier to express how they're feeling using pictures and drawings, while some prefer to write their ideas down.

## 3 BE CURIOUS

Demonstrating how to approach conflicts with a mature and empathetic mindset can set a good example to children, which can prove a useful skill for them later in life. Model this by asking inquisitive-yet-respectful questions about the issue at hand. Really try to understand where all parties are coming from, and share information between them when and where appropriate. This should encourage young people to mirror your behaviour, teaching them to be curious about the other sides of a conflict, and thus being more willing to hear them out.

## 4 PROMOTE DIFFERENCES

Children and young people may come from a range of different backgrounds and cultures or have protected characteristics which may cause them to see things from various angles. Having a school and community culture which celebrates and embraces diversity in all things – including diversity of opinion – means people are more likely to feel heard and understood.

## 5 BE SUPPORTIVE

Discussions may be sensitive or, in some cases, even trigger negative emotions. Pupils may have mixed feelings about the issue at hand. They could be nervous or anxious before even coming to the table to talk about it. Try and create a space where all parties feel safe, welcome and comfortable. Allow breaks and time-outs if the conversation gets heated, to prevent anyone from saying something they might later regret.

## 6 MENTALLY PREPARE

Think of how you can approach the conflict in a calm and regulated manner. Consider taking some extra time to prepare beforehand and finding somewhere quiet to relax. Even if you're not directly involved with the conflict, mediating can be a stressful experience in its own right. Make sure you're hydrated, fed and comfortable, and do the same for the young people involved. These may seem like insignificant factors, but it's important to remember that physical discomfort can trigger dysregulation, which can make it much harder to have a calm, productive conversation.

## 7 GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

Make sure you have all the facts, figures and timelines of the situation prior to the discussion. This should be done as objectively as possible with the aim of resolving the ongoing issue. You may want to risk assess any problems that may arise and look for possible solutions during your preparation time.

## 8 STICK TO THE POINT

Make the reason for, and purpose of, any meetings or communications clear prior to setting them up. Provide an agenda. Act as a neutral chairperson who can keep all parties on track. Make sure everyone has a chance to air their concerns about the issue being discussed and try to avoid talking about unrelated incidents. Close off with some action points, detailing what everyone can do to resolve the conflict.

## 9 BE SOLUTION FOCUSED

It's often said that the art of diplomacy is about giving others ladders to climb down. This means the main aim of any meeting or correspondence should be finding mutually acceptable and amicable solutions. Parents, carers, teachers and pupils should be aware there may need to be a compromise for the common good – and, most importantly, the good of the children you're supporting.

## 10 DON'T IGNORE OR AVOID CONFLICT

No one benefits from allowing concerns and grievances to fester, as this can lead to further division and mistrust, and ultimately doesn't help the children involved. Use our tips to open meaningful lines of communication. These should help you find a suitable resolution and minimise the number of conflicts you're faced with mediating overall.



**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to learn.**



**We are your Designated Safeguarding Leads.  
We can help you.**



Ms Christine Chapman  
**Headteacher**  
DSL



Mrs Saima Mahmood  
**Teacher**  
DSL



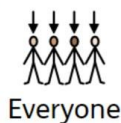
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**Lead DSL**



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